

LITTLE ELM PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the new Little Elm Public Library. The City of Little Elm will be celebrating National Library Week with a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new library.

On August 11, 2003, Little Elm Community Library moved into Little Elm Town Hall to become Little Elm Public Library. Ms. Tina Hager was hired to be its first Public Library Director.

In the 7 months the library has been in operation, it has reached several milestones and helped the lives of the citizens of Little Elm. Accommodating nearly 9,000 visitors thus far, the Little Elm Public Library has checked out over 11,000 items and registered 1,236 new patrons. The computers in the library have been used over 4,000 times for database searching, job hunting, writing reports and resumes, learning how to speak English, and for a variety of other reasons.

National Library Week is a fitting occasion for Little Elm's ribbon cutting ceremony. This week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our Nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

I would like to commend Little Elm Public Library and its employees for their role in encouraging education in their community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KEVIN JONES

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Virginia Tech junior Kevin Jones, one of the fastest players in college football. Mr. Jones has become one of the most accomplished players in Virginia Tech history due to his tireless team spirit and incredible skill as a running back. Mr. Jones achieved recognition and greatness as a Hokie, becoming both a Doak Walker Award finalist and a Heisman Trophy candidate.

Kevin Jones was the most highly-rated recruit in Virginia Tech history. In 2000, while playing at Cardinal O'Hara High in Springfield, PA, he was ranked as the Nation's top high school player by agencies such as Super Prep and Student Sports. He was the number one running back and number one overall player in the East Region and won the first-ever high school Heisman award for the Northeast region.

Kevin helped his Virginia Tech football team complete an outstanding season which culminated in advancing to the Insight Bowl. Despite only starting one season, he secured a position on many of his team's record lists. Although recorded in the books as a great running back with impressive numbers, Mr. Jones is best known for his great work ethic and love of his team.

Kevin Jones' exceptional talent led him to a difficult decision. He has had such an extraordinary career with the Hokies that he has opted to forego his senior season and declare

himself eligible for the 2004 NFL draft. It is expected that he will be drafted in the first round. I wish Kevin the best in his pursuit of his dreams. He is a talented individual with the drive and determination to do anything that he puts his mind to.

It is a privilege to recognize Mr. Kevin Jones. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending him for numerous achievements in his football career.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PEGGY REEVES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Peggy Reeves and thank her for her extraordinary contributions in the Colorado General Assembly. She will always be remembered as a State Senator and Representative with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in the community. As she moves on in her distinguished career, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, are eternally grateful for all that she has accomplished in her tenure in the Colorado General Assembly.

Peggy was elected to the Colorado State Senate in 1996, and subsequently in 2000, after serving in the State House of Representatives from 1983 to 1996. Serving the people of Larimer County in District 14, Peggy has long been an advocate of budget reform, health care, education, and economic development. During this current term, Peggy serves as a member of the Appropriations and Joint Budget Committee. Her outstanding record has garnered Peggy praise and awards from numerous organizations throughout the state and country, including the March of Dimes Advocate of the Year in 2000, the Colorado Community Health Network 2001 Outstanding Legislator of the Year, and the Colorado Treasurer's Association 2001 Unique Woman of Colorado Award.

In addition to her service in the Colorado General Assembly, Peggy has dedicated much of her efforts to numerous civic organizations. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, Colorado State University Women's Association, and a past member of Fort Collins Community Foundation and United Way Campaign. In addition to her philanthropic endeavors, Peggy is the proud mother of two children, Margaret and Michael, and two grandchildren, Nathalie and Max.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that State Representative Peggy Reeves has displayed a terrific level of dedication and commitment to her community and the State of Colorado. She is a remarkable woman, who has achieved extraordinary things in her distinguished tenure in the Colorado General Assembly, and I am honored to be able to bring her hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation. It is my privilege to be able to express to her, and to this country, my gratitude for all that she has done for our wonderful state. I wish her and her husband Brent all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE ANNUAL BAYONNE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance. On Sunday, April 18, 2004, the Inter-Faith Clergy and the Bayonne Jewish Community Council co-sponsored the Holocaust Memorial Observance Program held at 2 p.m., at Bayonne City Hall Council Chambers.

The Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance Program not only honored the victims of the Holocaust, promoted Jewish history and culture, but also served as an opportunity to bring together the Bayonne community to foster understanding among all people. The United Jewish Appeal Federation of Bayonne, the umbrella organization for the Jewish Community in Bayonne, has served to promote civic and communal duties, in order to enhance the quality of life in Bayonne.

The Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance Program was chaired by Alan J. Apfelbaum, an active and dedicated member of the Jewish community. Mr. Apfelbaum has been a constant figure at the Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance Program since its inception. The event included proclamations made by Mayor Joseph V. Doria, Jr., as well as keynote speaker Professor Harry Reicher from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

As Director of International Affairs and Representative to the United Nations of Agudath Israel World Organization, Professor Reicher has fought for international human rights, particularly religious freedom. Born in Prague and raised in Australia, Professor Reicher has done extensive research, focusing on Nazi legislation and its assault on the Jewish community.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Annual Bayonne Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance for remembering the victims of the Holocaust; and I ask that we, too, remember the Holocaust, its victims, and the ruthlessness of the Nazi regime. We must never forget.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN T. SIMS, JR.

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, Lance Corporal John T. Sims, Jr., 21, of Alexander City, Alabama, died on April 10, 2004 in Iraq. Lance Corporal Sims was a member of the Marine's 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, California, and died of a gunshot sustained during combat. He is survived by his mother Margaret Kellum, stepfather Jerry Kellum, and his sister Daphne, as well as his father, John T. Sims of Millbrook. He is also survived by his sister Wendy Smith of Alex